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Response dated December 21, 2005
Reply to Office Action of Sept. 21, 2005

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action dated September 21, 2005. Claims 1-3 are in the application. No claim stands allowed.

The Examiner indicates at page 2 of the Office Action that claims 1 and 2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bertossi (U.S. 6,267,105). The details of that rejection are contained at pages 2-3 of the Office Action.

Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bertossi (U.S. 6,267,105) in view of Keast (U.S. 6,340,005), and Saikalis (U.S. 5,355,855). That rejection is contained at pages 3-4 of the Office Action.

The Examiner rejected claim 3 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bertossi in view of Saikalis and King. That rejection can be found at pages 4-5 of the Office Action.

Each of the claims has been amended to point out that the internal combustion engine includes a fuel source having an outlet in communication with the engine, the fuel line including a controllable valve for regulating the gaseous fuel pressure, wherein the controllable valve defines a desired pressure value for fuel that enters the engine via the outlet.

The primary reference relied upon by the Examiner is the patent to Bertossi, U.S. 6,267,105. In Bertossi, the figure 5 arrangement relied upon by the Examiner transfers fuel from a controllable valve 31 to another device that is not an engine as claimed but rather is a metering valve 10 (see Bertossi, figure 5 and related text). The valve 31 that the Examiner relies upon in part for rendering obvious the claims sought to be patented does not satisfy claim element 1(a) nor claim element 3(a), namely that the controllable valve, a rotary actuated butterfly valve is used to regulate the gaseous fuel pressure, wherein the controllable valve defines a desired pressure value for fuel that enters the engine via the outlet. The pressure leaving the butterfly valve the desired pressure value, that selected pressure for proper operation of the engine. This is not the case in Bertossi as the material exiting the valve 31 clearly must enter another device known as a metering valve rather than being discharged directly to the engine and its carburetor. Since the Examiner relies upon Bertossi as the primary reference in all rejections contained in

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the Office Action, it is believed that the rejections contained at pages 2-5 of the Office Action should be withdrawn.

Reconsideration and Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner feel that a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of this application, he is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Applicant respectfully petitions the Commissioner for any extension of time necessary to render this paper timely.

Please charge any additional fees due or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0694.

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